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Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to St. David Water Association regarding their request for a rate increase. I feel the rate increase is poorly constructed and will make it very difficult for low-income families. It certainly does nothing to encourage water conservation. Please consider my objection while reviewing their application.

Yours Truly, Ms Nora Hady

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276 S. Miller Lane St. David, AZ 85630 May 7, 2001

Re: Application for rate increase

St. David Water Association PO Box 172 St. David, AZ 85630

Dear St. David Water Association,

In reviewing your proposed new rate schedule I find you have favored the commercial usage over the residential consumer. You are proposing all minimum rates increase by \$9.00 a month while the gallons provided in the minimum residential line goes from 3,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons and the commercial rate goes from 3,000 gallons to 10,000. This is unfair to the small household that is on a limited income. Why increase their rate as much as a commercial operation? If you kept the 5/8" x 3/4" and 1" lines at the current rates and 3,000 gallon level you would encourage conservation while still achieving a rate increase for those who use more. The residential lines (or in your records the smaller lines) should not have an increase that is the same amont of the larger lines. Increases should be in proportion.

It looks to me that the commercial and residential customers pay the same amount for usage over their minimum allotment so apparently you started out thinking to raise everyone's bill by \$9.00 but then decided to change the min. gallons provided to the customers dependent on the size of the lines (commercial versa residential). You need to rethink this proposal. Residential customer should not be charged \$23.00 min. whether it is 3,000 gallons or 5,000 gallons. Lets encourage conservation while helping out those who can't afford the luxury of more gallons for more bucks.

Respectfully yours,

Dora Hady Ms. Nora Hady

cc:

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